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Ms. Feather Houstoun
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Dear Ms. Houstoun:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved Medicaid State Plan Amendment, Transmittal Number 00-007, Revising the Definition of Unemployed Parents.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Michael Cruse of my staff at (215) 861-4216.

Sincerely,

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Division of Medicaid & State Operations

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3.5 Families Receiving Extended Medicaid Benefits (Continued)

> Supplement 2 to ATTACHMENT 3.1-A specifies and describes the alternative health care plan(s) offered, including requirements for assuring that recipients have access to services of adequate quality.

- (2)The agency—
 - Pays all premiums and enrollment fees imposed on (i) the family for such plan(s).
 - Pays all deductibles and coinsurance imposed on (ii) the family for such plan(s).
- 3.6 **Unemployed Parent**

For purpose of determining whether a child is deprived on the basis of the unemployment of a parent, the agency—

- uses the standard for measuring unemployment, which was in the AFDC State plan in effect on July 16, 1996.
- uses the following more liberal standard to measure _X_ unemployment:

A parent will be considered unemployed if the family's earned income is insufficient to raise the family's income above the income standard used to establish eligibility for low-income families under section 1931 (b)(2)(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 u-1(b)(2)(c)). This income standard is the AFDC standard in effect July 16, 1996.

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